



The Virtual Learning Community for Faith and Adult Formation

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The Office of Faith Formation of the Diocese of Davenport has joined with the Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) to offer online certification courses to catechists and adults throughout the diocese.

What is the Purpose of the VLCFF?

VLCFF (Web site: <http://vlc.udayton.edu/>) based at the University of Dayton, OH, is an Internet distance-learning initiative that supports catechetical formation of the Church. In collaboration with its partners throughout the country, VLCFF works to complement and support traditional diocesan efforts to enhance pastoral and educational services. The Church is creating a new space for ongoing formation based on the evolving lifestyles and ministry needs.

What kinds of courses are available?

Over 60 online courses and seminars are available throughout a given year, including “Catholic Doctrine”, “Sacraments”, “Scripture”, “Catechesis”, “Social Justice”, “Jesus”, “Ecclesiology”, “Church History” and “Liturgy”. The online courses typically run three to six weeks. Each course is capped at 15 participants and is designed to be an experience within a small “virtual” community – not an independent study.

What is the cost?

Since your ADA is covering the cost of the diocesan partnership with the University of Dayton, each course will be only \$40, instead of the non-partnership rate of \$90.

Why would I be interested?

Because of the online outreach of the program, the courses can be taken in the convenience of a catechist’s or adult learner’s home, provided there is reliable Internet access. Courses are available in both English and Spanish.

Do the courses contribute to my diocesan certification?

Along with receiving diocesan catechist certification for these courses, participants also will be given “continuing education units” for each course they take. A certificate will be given for each course and is co-signed by the University of Dayton and the Office Faith Formation of the Diocese of Davenport.

Another part of the program is a closed group setup, which represents an option for a parish or Catholic school who also needs to be certified in faith formation. In this setup a diocesan staff person may act as facilitator. The group will come together for discussion and some activities will be performed online.

When are the courses offered?

Courses are available 7 times a year. Check <http://vlc.udayton.edu/> for a course calendar, up-to-date information and all the course offerings.

Along with the opportunity to participate in these online courses, the diocese will continue to offer all our other programs such as staff development for volunteer catechists and Catholic school teachers, in addition to Adult Formation, “Echoes of Faith”, MFP, June Institute and August Gathering.

Those interested in the online program should contact Mary Wieser; phone: 563-324-1912 ext.263 or e-mail wieser@davenportdiocese.org

Schedule for VLCFF for the rest of 2010

Cycle 6: September 5 - October 9 (Registration: Opens July 20; Closes September 1)

- Catholic Beliefs
- Church and Communication
- Church History 1
- Designing a Parish Catechetical Plan (Seminar)
- Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church
- Ecclesiology: Reframing Church
- Ecumenism
- Faith and Human Development
- Images of Jesus
- Introduction to Catechesis
- Introduction to Christian Morality
- Introduction to Practical Morality
- Introduction to Prayer
- Islam
- Leadership Roles and Skills for Adult Learning and Faith Formation
- Letters to Paul
- Marianist Studies: Charism
- Marianist Studies: Founders
- National Directory for Catechesis
- On Bended Knee (Seminar)
- Parish and Social Action
- Parish as Learning Community
- Pastoral Planning for Lifelong Faith Formation
- Sacrament of Marriage: A Holy Calling
- Sacraments
- Scripture: Introduction
- Scripture: New Testament
- Scripture: Old Testament
- Survey of Catholic Doctrine
- Survey of Catholic Social Teaching
- Vocation, Spirituality and Discipleship of Catechists

Cycle 7: October 24 - November 27 (Registration: Opens September 1; Closes October 14)

- Catholic Beliefs
- Church History 2
- Conscience
- Ecclesiology: Beginnings of the Church
- Ecclesiology: The Pilgrim Church
- Many Faces of Adults
- Faith and Human Development
- Images of Jesus
- Introduction to Catechesis
- Introduction to Liturgy
- Introduction to Media Literacy Education
- Introduction to Practical Morality
- Introduction to Prayer
- Letters of Paul
- Marianist Studies: Leadership
- Marianist Studies: Prayer
- Marianist Studies: Social Justice
- Mary in Scripture and Tradition
- Media, Faith, and Values
- National Directory for Catechesis
- Our Hearts Were Burning (Seminar)
- Overview of the GDC & NDC (Seminar)
- Praying With Children
- Sacraments
- Scripture: Introduction
- Scripture: New Testament
- Scripture: Old Testament
- Survey of Catholic Doctrine

En Español

Ciclo 6: 5 Septiembre - 9 Octubre (Las inscripciones comienzan el 20 de Julio; terminan el 1 de Septiembre)

- Introducción a la Oración
- Moral Cristiana
- Comunidad en la Familia Marianista
- Pastoral Hispana

Ciclo 7: 18 Octubre - 21 Noviembre (Las inscripciones comienzan el 1 de Septiembre; terminan el 14 de Octubre)

- Introducción a la Catequesis
- Metodología Catequética
- Carisma en la Familia Marianista